Karen Stepp has been Manager of the Castaic Animal Care Center since April 2007. Prior to working for the County of Los Angeles, Karen worked for the City of Los Angeles for nineteen years. First, as an Animal Control Officer and eventually as a manager. Karen has an A.A. degree in Administration of Justice from Shasta Junior College, graduating in 1984. She also possesses a vocational teaching credential, and has worked for Los Angeles Unified School District since 1999 as a vocational teacher in animal care and control.

Karen is dedicated to finding homes for all adoptable animals, especially the sick or injured that just need a little help. She loves finding creative ways to expand opportunities for injured and unweaned animals through collaborating with local veterinarians and the local foster community.

Karen also enjoys hobbies such as jet skiing and travelling. She has three Chihuahuas adopted from the Castaic Animal Care Center and a Blue Fronted Amazon Parrot named Pilot that she has had for over 30 years.